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SUBJECT: UNSSOD BEGINS JUNE 8 MORNING SESSION:
STATEMENT BY ROMANIA

1. SUMMARY: THE UNSSOD GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 8 WITH A MAJOR STATEMENT BY FOREIGN MINISTER MANEA MANESCU OF ROMANIA. MANESCU'S SPEECH WAS LENGTHY AND COMPREHENSIVE, AND ITS TONE AND CONTENT WERE MORE TYPICAL OF THE NON-ALIGNED APPROACH TO DISARMAMENT THAN OF THE SOVIET EAST EUROPEAN APPROACH. END SUMMARY.

2. THE JUNE 8 MORNING SESSION OF THE UNSSOD GENERAL DEBATE BEGAN WITH A COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENT BY ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MANEA MANESCU. MANESCU DELIVERED A STATEMENT WHICH CARVED OUT AN INDEPENDENT POSITION FOR ROMANIA; HIS THEMES AND PROPOSALS WERE FUNDAMENTALLY IN ACCORD WITH NON-ALIGNED POSITIONS RATHER THAN WITH THE SOVIET/EAST EUROPEAN LINE. MANESCU POINTEDLY NOTED THAT "ROMANIA DEEPENS THE BOND OF FRIENDSHIP AND MANY-SIDED COLLABORATION WITH ALL SOCIALIST COUNTRIES; IT INTENSIFIES ITS MANIFOLD
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LINKS WITH THE DEVELOPING STATES, WITH THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES; IT EXPANDS THE RELATIONS OF COOPERATION WITH CAPITALIST COUNTRIES, WITH ALL STATES OF THE WORLD, REGARDLESS OF THEIR SOCIAL ORDER, IN THE SPIRIT OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE...."

3. MANESCU SAID THAT THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION HAD

WORSENER OF LATE, AND HE LAMENTED THE APPEARANCE OF "NEW ZONES OF CONFLICTS," "POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PRESSURES UPON OTHER STATES," AND "THE PRACTICE OF MILITARY INTERVENTION." HE SAID THAT "THE RIVALRIES BETWEEN VARIOUS STATES AND MILITARY GROUPINGS, THE STRATEGY OF RE-DIVIDING THE WORLD, WITH THE ATTRIBUTES OF POLITICAL, MILITARY AND ECONOMIC INTERFERENCE CREATE SERIOUS DANGERS FOR THE SECURITY OF PEOPLES" AND THAT SUCH RIVALRIES "POLLUTE THE POLITICAL CLIMATE AND THE WHOLE INTERNATIONAL LIFE." MANESCU REAFFIRMED ROMANIA'S OPPOSITION "TO THE POLICY OF SPHERES OF INFLUENCE AND DOMINATION" AND SUPPORT FOR "THE RIGHT OF EACH AND EVERY NATION TO DEVELOP FREELY AND TO ORGANIZE ITS LIFE IN KEEPING WITH ITS OWN ASPIRATIONS." MANESCU SPECIFICALLY EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN OVER "THE WORSENING OF RELATIDNS AMONG VARIOUS STATES OF AFRICA, OF THE FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVENTIONS AND INTERFERENCE IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS WHICH ENDANGER THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE RESPECTIVE PEOPLES AND OPEN THE WAY TO NEW FORMS OF COLONIAL DOMINATION." HE ASSERTED THAT THE "VITAL INTERESTS OF THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES...REQUIRE THAT EVERYTHING SHOULD BE DONE IN ORDER TO SOLVE THEIR DISPUTES BY NEGOTIATION EXCLUDING ANY FOREIGN INTERVENTION."

4. MANESCU UNDERLINED THE ECONOMIC COSTS OF THE ARMS RACE, AND HE SAID THAT "THE ACHIEVEMENT OF DISARMAMENT WOULD FAVOR THE PROCESS OF BUILDING A NEW INTERNATIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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ECONOMIC ORDER THAT SHOULD SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW RELATIONS OF FAIR COOPERATION AMONG ALL STATES...."

5. MANESCU MADE SEVERAL SPECIFIC DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS. HE SUGGESTED THAT PARTICIPATING STATES AGREE UPON THE "FREEZING OF MILITARY EXPENDITURES, MILITARY EFFECTIVES AND ARMAMENTS AT THE 1978 LEVEL, TOGETHER WITH THE COMMITMENT THAT SUBSEQUENTLY, STARTING EVEN IN 1979, THEY SHALL MOVE ON TO THEIR GRADUAL REDUCTION." HE SUGGESTED THAT "IN A FIRST STAGE, UP TO 1985, THE REDUCTION SHOULD BE OF AT LEAST 10 TO 15 PER CENT AS AGAINST THE PRESENT LEVELS AND SHOULD INCLUDE ALL COMPONENTS OF ARMED FORCES--LAND, SEA AND AIR FORCES--ALL CATEGORIES OF WEAPONS--BOTH CONVENTIONAL OR CLASSICAL AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS." MANESCU SAID THAT THE MONEY SAVED AS A RESULT OF SUCH MEASURES SHOULD BE USED FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. PART OF THE SAVINGS SHOULD BE ALLOCATED BY EACH STATE FOR ITS OWN DEVELOPMENT, AND THE OTHER PART SHOULD BE "DEPOSITED INTO A U.N. FUND, IN VIEW OF SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PRIMARILY THOSE HAVING AN ANNUAL PER CAPITA INCOME UP TO 500-600 DOLLARS."

6. MANESCU ALSO MADE PROPOSALS ON MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT. HE SUGGESTED THAT "ALL STATES SHOULD UNDERTAKE THE COMMITMENT NOT TO PLACE NEW TROOPS AND ARMAMENTS IN THE TERRITORIES OF OTHER STATES" AND SHOULD THEN MOVE ON TO THE "GRADUAL REDUCTION OF EXISTING MILITARY EFFECTIVES AND TO THEIR DEMOBILIZATION, ENSURING THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF NATIONAL FRONTIERS AND THE LIQUIDATION OF MILITARY BASES ON THE TERRITORIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES." HE PROPOSED THE "ESTABLISHMENT OF SECURITY DEMILITARIZED ZONES HAVING A DEPTH OF 15 TO 20 KILOMETERS FROM THE NATIONAL FRONTIERS..."

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7. MANESCU DECLARED THAT "IT IS NECESSARY TO ABOLISH THE DIVISION OF THE WORLD INTO MILITARY BLOCS" AND HOPED FOR THE ULTIMATE "SIMULTANEOUS DISSOLUTION OF THE MILITARY BLOCS, INCLUDING THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION AND THE WARSAW TREATY."

8. MANESCU CALLED ESPECIALLY FOR DISARMAMENT IN EUROPE AND FOR MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT ON THAT CONTINENT, AND HE URGED "THE CONCLUSION OF AN ALL-EUROPEAN PACT...CONTAINING THE COMMITMENT TO RENOUNCE THE USE OF FORCE AND THREAT OF USING FORCE, THUS CREATING CONDITIONS TO PROTECT EVERY NATION FROM THE DANGER OF AGGRESSION, OF FOREIGN INTERFERENCE AND PRESSURE."

9. IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT MANESCU CALLED

FOR: THE CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT BY WHICH THE NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES SHOULD ASSUME THE COMMITMENT NOT TO USE SUCH WEAPONS AGAINST NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES, THE RENUNCIATION BY NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES OF THE PLACING OF NEW NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON THE TERRITORY OF OTHER COUNTRIES; THE CESSATION OF IMPROVING NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THE HALTING OF UNCLASSIFIED

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NUCLEAR WEAPON PRODUCTION, THE CESSATION OF THE PRODUCTION OF FISSIONABLE MATERIAL FOR MILITARY PURPOSES; THE GRADUAL REDUCTION OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STOCKPILES AND THEIR MEANS OF DELIVERY UNTIL THEY ARE COMPLETELY LIQUIDATED, AND THE UNDERTAKING OF THE SOLEMN COMMITMENT TO MOVE ON TO THE NEGOTIATION OF AN AGREEMENT ON TOTAL BANNING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. MANESCU ALSO CALLED FOR THE "HALTING OF PRODUCTION OF CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, ECOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS, INCLUDING NEUTRON WEAPONS, AND ANY OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION...." HE ALSO CALLED FOR THE REMOVAL OF SUCH WEAPONS FROM THE ARSENALS OF MILITARY FORCES, FOR THE PROHIBITION OF THEIR USE, AND FOR THE OUTLAWING OF SUCH WEAPONS.

10. MANESCU REAFFIRMED HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION THAT "THE STEPS TOWARDS REDUCING NUCLEAR ARMAMENT SHOULD BY NO MEANS HAMPER THE USE BY ALL STATES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES," AND HE PROPOSED "THE ELABORATION OF A CONCRETE PROGRAM OF ACTION UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCY FOR ATOMIC ENERGY CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION IN USING ATOMIC ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES."

11. MANESCU SUPPORTED THE CREATION OF ZONES OF PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FREE OF NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS; HE SUPPORTED THE CREATION OF SUCH ZONES IN CENTRAL EUROPE, IN NORTHERN EUROPE, IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, IN THE MIDDLE EAST, IN AFRICA, AND IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, JUST AS ROMANIA HAD SUPPORTED THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO. HE REPEATED THE ROMANIAN PROPOSAL FOR "CONVERTING THE BALKANS INTO AN AREA OF GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS, PEACE AND BROAD COOPERATION, WITHOUT NUCLEAR WEAPONS."

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12. MANESCU PROPOSED THE "CONCLUSION OF AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT THROUGH WHICH ALL STATES SHOULD COMMIT THEMSELVES TO SETTLE ANY DISPUTES AND CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES EXCLUSIVELY

BY PEACEFUL, POLITICAL MEANS, THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE PARTIES CONCERNED." IN THIS CONTEXT HE PROPOSED "THE SETTING UP OF A BODY OF GOOD OFFICES AND CONCILIATION SUBJECT TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY."

13. MANESCU CALLED FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF THE U.N. ROLE IN DISARMAMENT. HE EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR CONVENING FUTURE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT, AND HE ALSO SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF A WORLD CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT UNDER UNITED NATIONS AUSPICES. SPEAKING OF THE CCD, HE ECHOED THE NON-ALIGNED CALLS FOR "THE DEMOCRATIZATION OF THE ORGANIZATION AND OF CONDUCTING OF ITS DEBATES, ...THE RENUNCIATION OF THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP, AND THE PARTICIPATION ON AN EQUAL FOOTING OF ALL STATES INTERESTED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS...."

14. MANESCU ASSERTED THAT "THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEASURES CONCERNING THE CESSATION OF THE ARMS RACE AND THE MOVING FORWARD TO DISARMAMENT SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT UNDER APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL." HE PROPOSED "THE SETTING UP OF AN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL BODY FOR DISARMAMENT, OPEN TO THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL STATES, WHICH SHOULD FUNCTION WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS UNDER THE DIRECT AUTHORITY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY." HE ALSO THOUGHT IT APPROPRIATE THAT THE FIRST COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD DEAL EXCLUSIVELY WITH THE PROBLEMS OF DISARMAMENT. YOUNG

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